

who is Sinclair and why are they doing this? why should a corporate giant such as Sinclair Broadcasting be able to control so much media territory with reckless disregard for the law? Forcing member stations to show a blatantly partisan documentary days before the election without presenting the opposing view (not buried in the middle of the night) is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.